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**TRASH COLLECTION
&
RECYCLING NEWSLETTER
2003**



Thank You...

to all residents who participated in the Borough's residential recycling program during 2002.

The Borough currently recycles newsprint, clear glass, colored glass, aluminum cans, tin cans, yard waste, leaves, tires, appliances, Christmas trees, #1 and #2 plastic and magazines. (State law requires a minimum of three (3) items to be recycled.)

Statistics for the year 2002 show total collections of 1,448 tons of refuse; 157 tons of newsprint; 117 tons of commingled recyclables; 63 tons of yard waste; more than 4 tons of appliances and tires and 315 Christmas trees. Four free leaf collections in the Fall of 2002 totaled 206 tons, which doubled from last year. (These tonnages are for residential [non-commercial] collections only.)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The contracted single hauler (Penn Waste, Inc.) will be collecting trash and recyclables from 1,725 residential homes and dwellings of three (3) units or less during 2003.

The hauler is permitted by contract to collect each Thursday between the hours of 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM, except for Holiday and Special Collections when they can begin at 2:00 AM.

2003 will be the thirteenth year in which the basic trash/recycling fee of \$130.00 a year has not been increased.

The Borough program requires the use of **EXTRA SERVICE TAGS** that must be purchased from the Borough. A specific type tag must be placed on certain items whenever a resident generates extra items over what is allowed for the basic annual fee.

(See sections labeled: TRASH -- OVERSIZE REFUSE ITEMS -- YARD WASTE -- LARGE APPLIANCES/TIRES).

Call the Borough Office at 872-4645 if you have any trash or recycling issues.

LANCASTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BEGINNINGS

Most people don't think twice about the waste they throw away or place at the curb for collection. Those who do wonder, assume that it goes directly to a landfill where it is buried and forgotten. In most places in the United States, this would be true. But Lancaster County is unique in that the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) has implemented an integrated waste disposal system. This means they not only have a landfill, but also utilize a Resource Recovery Facility (RRF), a comprehensive recycling program and a Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF) to manage the waste they generate. Because they have more than one means of waste disposal they are better equipped than most places to preserve land and protect the environment. Their facilities employ the most up-to-date technology that exceeds the necessary safety requirements.

This history of the Authority began in 1954 when the city of Lancaster and several surrounding municipalities formed the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority, better known as LARA. During these years, LARA operated several landfills, one on the former Lancaster Brick Company site that is now a wooded region that hosts extensive hiking trails. The other landfill was closed and capped in the late 1960s and now forms part of the Lancaster County Central Park.

In 1968, the Authority constructed the Creswell Landfill, located south of Columbia in Manor Township. The Creswell Landfill served the county's needs for 21 years before it was closed and capped in 1989. In the 1980s, with technology advancing and the amount of trash rapidly increasing, LARA recognized the need for an up-to-date, comprehensive plan to manage the disposal needs of the entire county.

In 1986, after several years of research by a solid waste advisory committee, LARA was renamed the Lancaster County Solid Waste Manage-

ment Authority to encompass its new mission to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner for all of Lancaster County. The new plan mandated a new landfill, a resource recovery facility and waste-reduction programs (recycling). The *Frey Farm Landfill* accepts mostly inorganic materials, so minimal odor exists and there are no scavenging birds commonly associated with most landfills. The *Resource Recovery Facility* burns municipal trash and carefully screened and selected waste. The heat is then harnessed and generated into electricity. Because of recycling and the *Resource Recovery Facility*, Lancaster's waste is reduced by 86.4% before anything goes to the Landfill. Lancaster County remains the only county in the state to have such an extensive integrated approach to waste management.

In 1988, guided by a new state law, the Authority augmented its new plan of an integrated system by opening a *Household Hazardous Waste Facility* that would serve the community by accepting hazardous materials and disposing of them in an environmentally safe manner. Each year the Authority processes more than 500,000 tons of waste through the facilities that comprise the integrated system: the *Jack D. Lausch, Sr. Transfer Station*, the *Household Hazardous Waste Facility*, the *Resource Recovery Facility* and the *Frey Farm Landfill*.

In addition, the Authority coordinates recycling programs for municipalities and local businesses which has most recently yielded a 34% county-wide recycling rate. Largely due to this integrated system, the life of the *Frey Farm Landfill* has been extended by approximately twenty (20) years!



TRASH

The number of trash containers or trash items allowed under the basic fee is **three per week**. Each trash item above three must be marked with a **YELLOW EXTRA SERVICE TAG VALUED AT \$1.25 EACH**.

TIED bundles of brush or limbs not over four foot in length and no more than 30 pounds can be counted as one trash item.



Other examples of items that could go as one of your three items would be lawn chairs, small grills, flower boxes and vacuum sweepers, etc.



If you need to dispose of your **unusable** trash container, you must put a visible note on it telling the hauler to dispose of it. (This avoids the mistaken disposal of containers.) **CARDBOARD** is **NOT** a Borough recyclable. Boxes should be flattened, tied in a bundle and counted as one trash item.











The maximum size of bags or cans is 32 gallons and **NO MORE THAN 30 POUNDS**. Residents who use **LARGER** containers must use separate trash bags within the larger container, not to exceed three (unless properly


tagged) or may have their pickup rejected due to excessive size and weight. 55 gallon drums and 96 gallon totes will **NOT** be collected with loose material in them.

Littering of streets and residents properties can be a problem. It can be caused by rain storms, wind, birds and critters including dogs and cats. Residents can help by not overfilling their trash cans and recycling bins. It would also help the men on the trucks avoid littering if residents would use plastic bags inside their trash cans. Of course, tie the top shut when it's full. By doing this, the men would not be carrying cans and trying to dump loose trash into the truck. They could just lift the bag out of the can and take it to the truck. **No loose piles-- all small items must be boxed, bundled, bagged or in a trash can.**




OVERSIZE REFUSE ITEMS

- Pieces of furniture such as:  
- Chairs, couches, tables, etc. 
- 4 ft. rolled & tied carpet 
- Microwaves 
- Mattresses/Box Springs 
- TV--portable/console 
- Doors/Windows  
- Rain spouting bundled & tied in 4 ft. lengths 

Small engine push lawn mowers. Disconnect gas line & drain **ALL** gas and oil. Leave caps off. 

Fiberglass bathtubs **ONLY**. No cast iron or steel tubs. 

Large wheeled charcoal or gas grills. **NO** tanks. 

Window shutters bundled & tied 

Oversize items will be picked up weekly during regular trash collection. NO MORE THAN 2 ITEMS per week will be picked up & each item must be tagged with a **RED OVERSIZE REFUSE TAG** valued at \$4.00. Call the Borough Office at 872-4645 to discuss questionable items.

RECYCLING

This is a State, County and Borough **MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM**. These instructions will help you prepare recyclables for collection. Contamination by mixing non-recyclable items into your recyclables may cause an inspection of your containers which could result in rejection by the hauler and the Borough.



This is a **COMMINGLED** recycling program meaning cans, glass and plastic **DO NOT** have to be separated by color or type. All can go in the green recycling bin. Residents may use **CLEAR** plastic bags for recyclables if there is more than the green bin holds.

GLASS

Food and beverage bottles, and jars only. Glass bottles and jars should be rinsed and **caps or lids removed and thrown in the trash**. No need to remove labels.



Light bulbs, window/auto glass, drinking glasses, cookingware and broken glass, etc. **ARE NOT** recyclable.

PLASTIC



ONLY PLASTIC BOTTLES designated with a #1 (PETE) or a #2 (HDPE) will be collected. Prepare for recycling by removing and discarding lids, caps or labels and rinse out residue.

You can save space by stepping on them so they are flat.

You can also tie a string through handles of a bunch of bottles. Lay them on the ground beside your other recyclables.

ALUMINUM & STEEL

Rinse out, but **DO NOT** crush cans. No foil, pie tins, paint cans, aerosol cans, siding or scrap metals.



NEWSPAPERS



Everything that comes with the newspaper (*except the dog*) can go out with the newspaper. Tie in bundles or put in brown grocery bags and place in or beside your recycling container.

MAGAZINES

Since 1999 residents have been recycling their magazines. They must be prepared the same as your newspapers, in paper bags or tied in bundles. Place next to or on top of your green bin.



SPECIAL YARD AND GARDEN CLEANUP

A **FREE** collection of yard rakings and old garden or flower bed cleanup will be held on **MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2003**. It will not be necessary to use extra service tags and there is no limit on the number of containers. **No household garbage, junk, tires, recyclables or oversize refuse items permitted. WATCH HOW HEAVY you load containers**. All items must be in a bag or can or will be rejected. Set containers out Sunday night as the hauler will begin early Monday morning. **This trash goes to the incinerator and not recycled in fields. The Fall FREE Leaf Collection bags are for the Fall leaves only pick up and will be rejected if put out at this time.**



YARD WASTE

Instead of needlessly burning or landfilling grass clippings, the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority recycles them by spreading them on farmers' fields as a fertilizer. For clippings to be recycled, they must be separated from the rest of your trash. This means that the hauler picks up clippings in a separate truck or trailer -- and this service adds to the cost of your regular trash service.



If you still are picking up clippings from your lawn, why not consider making changes in your lawn care habits? There is no reason to remove grass clippings from lawns. Clippings filter down to the soil, where they reduce water evaporation and encourage growth. Grass acts as a natural fertilizer when it decomposes. Cut grass often enough so that clippings do not clump together on top of the lawn. The rule of thumb is to remove no more than one-third of the grass blade when you cut, or invest in a mulching mower or blade which chops up clippings. And don't overfertilize or overwater your lawn.

If you still choose to throw away grass clippings, you must separate them from the rest of your trash.

Yard waste is defined as grass, leaves, garden residue and sod. It will be picked up each week during your regular collection day during the yard waste season from **THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2003 THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003. Each bag or can of yard waste must be marked with a \$1.25 GREEN EXTRA SERVICE TAG**. It does **NOT** count as one of your three regular trash items. If found untagged, it will be rejected. **DO NOT** use the **FREE Fall Leaf Collection bags**, they will also be rejected.

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YARD WASTE IS PROHIBITED IN REGULAR TRASH. IF AN INSPECTION OF YOUR TRASH CONTAINERS REVEALS AN **EXCESSIVE** AMOUNT OF YARD WASTE MIXED IN YOUR TRASH, IT WILL BE REJECTED FOR COLLECTION. YARD WASTE FOUND CONTAMINATED WITH WOOD, LIMBS, GARBAGE, PLASTIC OR TRASH WILL BE REJECTED IF DISCOVERED. THIS IS NECESSARY AS YARD WASTE IS EITHER COMPOSTED OR SPREAD ON FARM FIELDS.

To help the hauler identify your leaf and yard waste from your trash, keep some space between them.

LEAVES **See Special Note below

FOUR SPECIAL LEAVES ONLY PICKUP DATES ARE:



Monday, October 27, 2003
Monday, November 10, 2003
Monday, November 24, 2003
Monday, December 8, 2003

All four are **FREE** of charge and will not require extra service tags.

The Borough will again have the biodegradable Kraft Leaf Bags available for free distribution. ****The biodegradable bags will be the only form of container that will be accepted at the leaf composting facility. LEAVES IN PLASTIC TRASH BAGS OR LEAVES LOOSE IN CANS WILL BE REJECTED BY THE HAULER.**

If you have an **occasional bag** of leaves to dispose of and cannot wait until the special day, treat it as a **trash item**. If you already have your limit of three trash items, you must tag it with a yellow tag. **Biodegradable bags will only be accepted with leaves in them during the FREE Fall leaf collection.**



LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE COLLECTION

Clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, hot water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, etc. -- and tires will be picked up twice a year.

Each appliance **must be tagged** with a **\$12.00 BLUE APPLIANCE TAG** purchased from the Borough. A yellow tag (also used for extra trash items) must be used for each tire. A tire on a rim requires two yellow tags.



COLLECTION DATES ARE:

Saturday, April 26, 2003

Saturday, October 18, 2003

PLACE ITEMS AT CURB FRIDAY NIGHT AS THE HAULER MAY BEGIN PICKUP AT 2:00 AM SATURDAY MORNING

CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REMODELING WASTE

Residents may include **ONE** 32-gallon, 30-pound, container of **wood** waste with the regular trash. **Items such as drywall, shingles, siding, etc. will not be accepted at the incinerator and will not be picked up by the hauler.** For pickup of more than one 32-gallon container, make special arrangements with the Borough's hauler, Penn Waste, Inc.; call 392-9900, or personally deliver it to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority Transfer Station, 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

The green recycling bin is the property of Millersville Borough. If it is damaged or stolen, contact the Borough and you can pick up a replacement at the office. If you move, you must leave the bin for the next resident.



It is advised that you mark your street address on the outside of your green bin. Your name is not necessary.

Any spillage not caused directly by the hauler is the responsibility of the resident to clean up.



HOUSEHOLD

Many materials used in the home and garden are considered household hazardous waste and must not be thrown into your trash. They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation or in disposal facilities. **Wastes that you shouldn't throw in your trash include:**

- Auto products (transmission and brake fluids, antifreeze, used oil, batteries)
- Household cleansers, floor polish
- Driveway sealant
- Gasoline, kerosene
- Household batteries
- Old chemistry sets
- Fire extinguishers



household hazardous waste (cont'd.)

**Paints and paint-related products (stains, turpentine, thinner, rust protectant)
Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides
Photographic chemicals; pool chemicals**



Dispose of those materials at the Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The facility, located at the Authority's transfer station, 1299 Harrisburg Pike (About a mile from the Park City mall), has the following Receiving Hours:

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday (2nd & 4th of each month) 8:00 AM - 12 Noon**

(Homeowners are not charged for this service.)

Put materials you deliver into a box and separate and cushion the contents with newspaper. It is not necessary to bring containers that once held household hazardous waste to the facility, simply dispose of these **empty** containers in your trash.

The facility only accepts materials generated in a Lancaster County residence as a result of normal household activities.

Materials from businesses, schools and farms are **not** accepted. Other items the facility does not accept include propane tanks, explosives and ammunition. Call the Authority for instructions about how to handle unacceptable wastes.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries -- the kind used in toys, radios, watches, hearing aids, and so on -- also are harmful to disposal facilities and should not be thrown away in your trash.



You may dispose of household batteries at the Household Hazardous Waste Center or you may use the plastic battery collection bags provided by the Borough.

Place all household batteries in a collection bag. When the bag is full, put it **next** to your refuse containers during regular trash pickup.

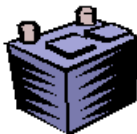
If you need replacement bags, you can pick them up at the Borough Office.

AUTO AND UTILITY VEHICLE BATTERIES

Auto and utility vehicle batteries also cannot be thrown away with your regular trash.

They contain several toxic elements.

Take such batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste Center or try to trade in your old battery when you buy a new one.



IN-HOME MEDICAL WASTE

Medical wastes generated in the home may be infectious. When thrown in the trash, they pose a risk at curbside, where bags are accessible before pickup; to waste haulers and waste facility operators, who must handle those materials; and to the facilities themselves.

Potentially hazardous items are:

- Sharp objects, such as needles, syringes and lancets
- Soiled bandages
- Disposable sheets
- Medical gloves



Even if you have only a small quantity of medical waste and want to throw it in your trash, proper disposal still is important.

Put needles, syringes and other similar sharp objects in a hard plastic screw-top bottle (such as a bleach or detergent bottle) or a coffee can with a lid. Secure the lid with tape. **Place the bottle or can in your trash -- not in a recycling container. And never put loose needles in either your trash or recycling bin.**

Double-bag bandages, sheets and gloves in plastic bags and fasten them securely before putting them in a garbage can or bag with your other trash.

Tips to Reduce Cleaning-Related Waste

Don't overstock on cleaning supplies!

Buy only what you need and avoid unwanted leftovers and unnecessary disposal problems.

Before you buy, read the label carefully for ingredient information and handling and disposal instructions.

Purchase the least toxic item to do the job.

Clearly mark dangerous cleaning supplies. Keep them in their original container to prevent accidental poisoning. Remember that children do not know that a product is dangerous until someone teaches them.

The best way to dispose of a hazardous product is to use all of it. If you can't use it, give it to some one who can.

Never pour large amounts of leftover cleaning supplies down the drain. They will enter the water system and pollute drinking water, lakes and rivers.



Tips to Reduce Paint-Related Waste

Measure the area you are painting to determine the amount of paint you need.

Purchase the right type of paint. Check the label to make sure the product is suited for your project (i.e. plaster, wood, metal etc.)

Use latex paint if possible. It is less harmful to the environment than oil-based paint.

Purchase recycled paint if it is available.

Use it all. Don't buy more than you need. Save money and reduce waste by knowing how much to buy.

If you have extra paint, give it to a neighbor or donate it to a community or religious group.

If you cannot use it all immediately, keep it for future use. Store small amounts in a tightly sealed glass jar. Keep larger amounts in the original can. Close the lid tightly and store the can upside-down. The paint will stay fresh by creating a seal around the rim.



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2003 RESIDENT TRASH & RECYCLING INFORMATION

2003 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE



**Memorial
Day**

week makeup collection day -- Friday, May 30, 2003



**4TH
OF
JULY** *week -- NO CHANGE*



**LABOR
DAY**

week makeup collection day -- Friday, September 5, 2003



Thanksgiving *day makeup collection day -- Friday, November 28, 2003*



Christmas *week makeup collection day -- Friday, December 26, 2003*

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